

Senate Resolution 605

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Brett Stanton, principal of Valdosta High School; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Brett Stanton has provided more than 24 years of phenomenal service in public
4 education as a teacher and administrator throughout the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Brett Stanton grew up in Acworth, Georgia, where he learned at an early age
6 the importance of both good grades and extracurricular activities, and after graduating from
7 North Cobb High School, he accepted a football scholarship to Newberry College in
8 Newberry, South Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, he taught Social Studies and AP U.S. History in Cobb County for several years
10 before accepting a position in administration; and

11 WHEREAS, he has earned two master's degrees and a specialist degree in leadership from
12 Jacksonville State University, received training through the Georgia Leadership Institute for
13 School Improvement, and is a trained facilitator and chairperson for the Southern Association
14 of Colleges and Schools Improvement Process; and

15 WHEREAS, in his first year as principal, the faculty of Valdosta High School opened the
16 school year by singing "I Can See Clearly Now," and he has since led the school with
17 extraordinary energy and optimism, putting equal emphasis on academics and extracurricular
18 activities; and

19 WHEREAS, with a firm commitment to the motto, "teachers have the right to teach and
20 students have the right to learn," Brett Stanton has encouraged Valdosta High School to
21 complete the transition from a good high school to a great high school, championing
22 programs such as the "High Schools that Work" program, the Student of the Month and

1 Teacher of the Month programs, the All A's Luncheon, and the No Failure League (NFL);
2 and

3 WHEREAS, his immense dedication to public education is surpassed only by his loving
4 devotion to his family, and he has shared more than 18 wonderful years of marriage with his
5 wife, Denise, and is the stellar father of Katie and twins Mary Claire and Sadie; and

6 WHEREAS, as he has tirelessly provided knowledgeable guidance and inspiring leadership
7 to several generations of students and faculty, it is fitting and proper to honor such a
8 distinguished Georgian and citizen of the United States.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 recognize the indispensable leadership of Brett Stanton, commend his more than 24 years of
11 service in public education, and extend to him their sincerest best wishes for his continued
12 health and success.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Brett Stanton.